

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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SA 622. Mr. GREGG proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, *supra*.

SA 623. Mr. CONRAD proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, *supra*.

SA 624. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 628. Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 621.** Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR REPEAL OF THE 1993 INCREASE IN THE INCOME TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.**

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other levels in this resolution by the amounts provided by a bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that would repeal the 1993 increase in the income tax on Social Security benefits, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the total of the period of fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

**SA 622.** Mr. GREGG proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . POINT OF ORDER—20% LIMIT ON NEW DIRECT SPENDING IN RECONCILIATION LEGISLATION.**

(a) (1) In the Senate, it shall not be in order to consider any reconciliation bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or any conference report on, or an amendment between the Houses in relation to, a reconciliation bill pursuant to section 310 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, that produces an increase in outlays, if—

(A) the effect of all the provisions in the jurisdiction of any committee is to create gross new direct spending that exceeds 20% of the total savings instruction to the committee; or

(B) the effect of the adoption of an amendment would result in gross new direct spending that exceeds 20% of the total savings instruction to the committee.

(2)(A) A point of order under paragraph (1) may be raised by a Senator as provided in section 313( e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(B) Paragraph (1) may be waived or suspended only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under paragraph (1).

(C) If a point of order is sustained under paragraph (1) against a conference report in the Senate, the report shall be disposed of as provided in section 313(d) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

**SA 623.** Mr. CONRAD proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

On page 36, line 15, strike beginning with "If" through line 19 and insert "When the Senate is considering a conference report on, or an amendment between the Houses in re-

lation to, a bill, upon a point of order being made by any Senator pursuant to this section, and such point of order being sustained, such material contained in such conference report shall be deemed stricken, and the Senate shall proceed to consider the question of whether the Senate shall recede from its amendment and concur with a further amendment, or concur in the House amendment with a further amendment, as the case may be, which further amendment shall consist of only that portion of the conference report or House amendment, as the case may be, not so stricken. Any such motion in the Senate shall be debatable. In any case in which such point of order is sustained against a conference report (or Senate amendment derived from such conference report by operation of this subsection), no further amendment shall be in order."

On page 39, line 19, strike beginning with "If" through line 23 and insert "When the Senate is considering a conference report on, or an amendment between the Houses in relation to, a bill, upon a point of order being made by any Senator pursuant to this section, and such point of order being sustained, such material contained in such conference report shall be deemed stricken, and the Senate shall proceed to consider the question of whether the Senate shall recede from its amendment and concur with a further amendment, or concur in the House amendment with a further amendment, as the case may be, which further amendment shall consist of only that portion of the conference report or House amendment, as the case may be, not so stricken. Any such motion in the Senate shall be debatable. In any case in which such point of order is sustained against a conference report (or Senate amendment derived from such conference report by operation of this subsection), no further amendment shall be in order."

**SA 624.** Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 23, line 12, increase the amount by \$17,300,000.

On page 23, line 13, increase the amount by \$15,570,000.

On page 23, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,730,000.

On page 9, line 8, decrease the amount by \$17,300,000.

On page 9, line 9, decrease the amount by \$15,570,000.

On page 9, line 13, decrease the amount by \$1,730,000.

**SA 625.** Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 41, strike lines 9 through 11 and insert the following:

(2) for fiscal year 2008,

(A) for the National Defense function (050) and the Veterans function (700), \$541,899,000,000 in new budget authority and \$549,693,000,000 in outlays; and

(B) for all other functions, \$400,413,000,000 in new budget authority and \$471,714,000,000 in outlays.

On page 62, insert after line 7 the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR GI BILL OF RIGHTS AND BENEFITS.**

The Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee may revise the aggregates, allocations, and other levels in this resolution for a bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or conference report that would enhance benefits and rights for returning members of the military serving in wars and all other military personnel who have provided a service to their country, by the amounts provided in such legislation for that purpose, provided that such legislation is deficit-neutral over the total of fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

**SA 626.** Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. PRYOR) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:  
**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ESTATE TAX REFORM INITIATIVE.**

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise the aggregates, allocations, and other appropriate levels in this resolution for a bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that would provide for estate tax reform legislation that addresses the current flaws in the estate tax law by establishing an estate tax exemption level of \$5,000,000, an estate tax rate of 35 percent, and a 5 percent surcharge on the largest estates, provided that such legislation does not increase the deficit over the total of fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

**SA 627.** Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

On page 18, line 12, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 18, line 13, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 18, line 16, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 18, line 17, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 18, line 20, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 18, line 21, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 18, line 24, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 18, line 25, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 19, line 3, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 19, line 4, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 12, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 13, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 16, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 17, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 20, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 24, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 25, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 27, line 3, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 27, line 4, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

**SA 628.** Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 50, line 8, insert “and including the reduction of the income threshold for the refundable child tax credit under section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to \$10,000 with no inflation adjustment” after “refundable tax relief”.

**SA 629.** Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

On page 50, line 8, insert “and including the reauthorization of the new markets tax credit under section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for an additional 5 years and \$17,000,000,000 in tax credit authority” after “refundable tax relief”.

**SA 630.** Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 50, line 8, insert “and including the creation of SIMPLE cafeteria plans as provided in section 2 of S. 555 of the 110th Congress” after “refundable tax relief”.

**SA 631.** Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 31, after line 11, insert the following:

(d) APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purposes of enforcing this resolution, notwithstanding rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the com-

mittee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105-217, provisions of any appropriations bill, act, joint resolution, an amendment thereto, or a motion or a conference report thereon (only to the extent that such provision was not committed to conference), that would have been estimated as changing direct spending or receipts for any fiscal year after 2008 under section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (as in effect prior to September 30, 2002) were they included in an Act other than an appropriations Act shall be treated as direct spending or receipts legislation, as appropriate, under this section.

**SA 632.** Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR MANUFACTURING INITIATIVES.**

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, motions, or conference reports, including tax legislation, that would revitalize the United States domestic manufacturing sector by increasing Federal research and development, by expanding the scope and effectiveness of manufacturing programs across the Federal government, by increasing support for development of alternative fuels and leap-ahead automotive and energy technologies, and by establishing tax incentives to encourage the continued production in the United States of advanced technologies and the infrastructure to support such technologies, by the amounts provided in that legislation for those purposes, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the total of the period of fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

**SA 633.** Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

On page 16, line 10, increase the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 16, line 11, increase the amount by \$7,500,000.

On page 16, line 14, increase the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 16, line 15, increase the amount by \$15,000,000.

On page 16, line 18, increase the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 16, line 19, increase the amount by \$30,000,000.

On page 16, line 22, increase the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 16, line 23, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 17, line 2, increase the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 17, line 3, increase the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 26, line 12, decrease the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 26, line 13, decrease the amount by \$7,500,000.

On page 26, line 16, decrease the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 26, line 17, decrease the amount by \$15,000,000.

On page 26, line 20, decrease the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$30,000,000.

On page 26, line 24, decrease the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 26, line 25, decrease the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 27, line 3, decrease the amount by \$50,000,000.

On page 27, line 4, decrease the amount by \$50,000,000.

**SA 634.** Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 23, line 12, increase the amount by \$17,300,000.

On page 23, line 13, increase the amount by \$15,570,000.

On page 23, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,730,000.

On page 9, line 8, decrease the amount by \$17,300,000.

On page 9, line 9, decrease the amount by \$15,570,000.

On page 9, line 13, decrease the amount by \$1,730,000.

**SA 635.** Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND TO IMPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE.**

If a Senate committee reports a bill or joint resolution, or if an amendment is offered thereto, or if a conference report is submitted thereon, that, with appropriate protections for consumers, reduces growth in the number of uninsured Americans, improves access to affordable and meaningful health insurance coverage, improves health care quality, or reduces growth in the cost of private health insurance by facilitating market-based pooling, including across State lines, and a bill or joint resolution, or if an amendment is offered thereto, or if a conference report is submitted thereon, that, with appropriate protections for consumers, provides funding for State high risk pools or financial assistance, whether directly, or through grants to States to enhance the effectiveness of such pooling or to provide other assistance to small businesses or individuals, including financial assistance, for the purchase of private insurance coverage, the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget may make appropriate adjustments in allocations and aggregates for fiscal year 2007 and for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2012, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the total of the period of fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

**SA 636.** Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. SPECTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ RESERVE FUND TO IMPROVE MEDICARE HOSPITAL PAYMENT ACCURACY.**

If the Senate Committee on Finance—

(1) reports a bill, or if an amendment is offered thereto, or if a conference report is submitted thereon, that—

(A) addresses the wide and inequitable disparity in the reimbursement of hospitals under the Medicare program;

(B) includes provisions to reform the area wage index used to adjust payments to hospitals under the Medicare hospital inpatient prospective payment system under section 1886(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)); and

(C) includes a transition to the reform described in subparagraph (B); and

(2) is within its allocation as provided under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,

the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise allocations of new budget authority and outlays, the revenue aggregates, and other appropriate measures to reflect such legislation provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

**SA 637.** Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 20, line 12, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 20, line 13, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 20, line 16, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 20, line 17, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 20, line 20, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 20, line 21, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 20, line 24, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 20, line 25, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 21, line 3, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 21, line 4, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 26, line 12, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 13, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 16, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 17, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 20, decrease the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 26, line 24, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 26, line 25, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 27, line 3, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 27, line 4, decrease the amount by \$0.

**SA 638.** Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows:

At the end of Title II insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ POINT OF ORDER AGAINST PROVISIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION THAT CONSTITUTES CHANGES IN MANDATORY PROGRAMS WITH NET COSTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider any appropriations legislation, including any amendment thereto, motion in relation thereto, or conference report thereon, which includes one or more provisions that would have been estimated as affecting direct spending or receipts under section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (as in effect prior to September 30, 2002) were they included in legislation other than appropriations legislation, if such provision has a net cost over the total of the period of the current year, the budget year, and all fiscal years covered under the most recently adopted concurrent resolution on the budget.

(b) DETERMINATION.—For purposes of this section, the determination of whether a provision violates paragraph (a) shall be made by the Committee on the Budget of the Senate.

(c) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—This section may be waived or suspended only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order raised under this section.

(d) GENERAL POINT OF ORDER.—It shall be in order for a Senator to raise a single point of order that several provisions of a bill, resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report violate this section. The Presiding Officer may sustain the point of order as to some or all of the provisions against which the Senator raised the point of order. If the Presiding Officer so sustains the point of order as to some of the provisions (including provisions of an amendment, motion, or conference report) against which the Senator raised the point of order, then only those provisions (including provision of an amendment, motion, or conference report) against which the Presiding Officer sustains the point of order shall be deemed stricken pursuant to this section. Before the Presiding Officer rules on such a point of order, any Senator may move to waive such a point of order as it applies to some or all of the provisions against which the point of order was raised. Such a motion to waive is amendable in accordance with rules and precedents of the Senate. After the Presiding Officer rules on such a point of order, any Senator may appeal the ruling of the Presiding Officer on such a point of order as it applies to some or all of the provisions on which the Presiding Officer ruled.

(e) FORM OF THE POINT OF ORDER.—When the Senate is considering a conference report

on, or an amendment between the Houses in relation to, a bill, upon a point of order being made by any Senator pursuant to this section, and such point of order being sustained, such material contained in such conference report or amendment shall be deemed stricken, and the Senate shall proceed to consider the question of whether the Senate shall recede from its amendment and concur with a further amendment, or concur in the House amendment with a further amendment, as the case may be, which further amendment shall consist of only that portion of the conference report or House amendment, as the case may be, not so stricken. Any such motion shall be debatable. In any case in which such point of order is sustained against a conference report (or Senate amendment derived from such conference report by operation of this subsection), no further amendment shall be in order.

**SA 639.** Mr. CONRAD (for Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, and Mrs. CLINTON)) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows;

At the end of title III, add the following:  
**SEC. \_\_\_\_ RESERVE FUND TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.**

If the Senate Committee on Finance—

(1) reports a bill, or if an amendment is offered thereto, or if a conference report is submitted thereon, that—

(A) creates a framework and parameters for the use of Medicare data for the purpose of conducting research, public reporting, and other activities to evaluate health care safety, effectiveness, efficiency, quality, and resource utilization in Federal programs and the private health care system; and

(B) includes provisions to protect beneficiary privacy and to prevent disclosure of proprietary or trade secret information with respect to the transfer and use of such data; and

(2) is within its allocation as provided under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,

the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise allocations of new budget authority and outlays, the revenue aggregates, and other appropriate measures to reflect such legislation provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit for fiscal year 2008, and for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

**SA 640.** Mr. CONRAD (for Mrs. DOLE) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012; as follows;

On page 20, line 12, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 20, line 13, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 20, line 16, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 20, line 17, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 20, line 20, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 20, line 21, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 26, line 12, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 13, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 16, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 17, decrease the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 26, line 20, decrease the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$3,000,000.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL, WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing entitled, Understanding the Realities of REAL ID: A Review of Efforts to Secure Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 10 a.m. for a hearing entitled, Eliminating and Recovering Improper Payments.

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— S. CON. RES. 24

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 24, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Reserving the right to object, and I will object, I don't believe the Rules Committee has had a chance to review this yet. So for the time being, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, announces the appointment of the Senator from Colorado, Mr. ALLARD, as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, appoints the following Senators as members of the United States

Capitol Preservation Commission: the Honorable RICHARD J. DURBIN of Illinois, the Honorable MARY L. LANDRIEU of Louisiana.

## THE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed en bloc to consideration of the following calendar items: Calendar No. 28, S. Res. 47; Calendar No. 29, S. Res. 49; Calendar No. 62, S. Res. 78; Calendar No. 63, S. Res. 84; and Calendar No. 64, H. Con. Res. 44.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions and concurrent resolution be agreed to en bloc, the preambles be agreed to en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, that the consideration of these items appear separately in the RECORD, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF GEORGE C. SPRINGER

The resolution (S. Res. 47), honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, was considered and agreed to. The preamble was agreed to. The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 47

Whereas George C. Springer, Sr., formerly Northeast regional director of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), president of AFT Connecticut, and AFT vice president, was an accomplished union leader, a pillar of the civil rights community, a high school teacher and athletics coach, and a dedicated family man and devoted friend;

Whereas George Springer was known by those who worked with him as a generous mentor, a conciliator, and a skilled problem-solver;

Whereas George Springer, as president of AFT Connecticut, helped strengthen and expand the statewide organization to include not only teachers but also paraprofessionals and other school-related personnel, higher education faculty, healthcare professionals, and public employees, and united them around his vision of a shared destiny and a common commitment to quality services and professional integrity;

Whereas George Springer was an AFT vice president for 13 years and served for 4 years as the chair of the AFT's human rights and community relations committee;

Whereas George Springer cared deeply about the cause of civil rights, was a leader in the National Commission for African American Education, a board member of Amistad America, Inc., vice president of the John E. Rogers African American Cultural Center, and president of the New Britain, Connecticut chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;

Whereas George Springer was born in the Panama Canal Zone in 1932, attended Central Connecticut State University, formerly Teachers College of Connecticut, and received a graduate degree from the University of Hartford;